



# Holy Trinity Church, Ratoath

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Opening hours for the Parish Office: 10.00am – 1.00pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

12<sup>th</sup> November 2023

**Eucharistic Adoration** on Wednesdays from 10.00am to 7.00pm. New adorers always welcome

There will be no 12.15pm Mass on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> December

We welcome Kaia Rooney-Coyne, Evan Connolly, Grace O'Carroll, Harley Reeves and Cormack Grall into the Christian community. They were **baptised** recently.

Congratulations to Clare Petherbridge and Darren Tinnelly who were **married** during the week.

At the Masses this weekend we welcome the boys and girls who are preparing for **the Sacrament of Confirmation** to their second preparation Mass. We welcome them and their parents and we ask you to keep them in your prayers in their faith journey this year.

The month of November is traditionally dedicated as the **Month of the Holy Souls** when we pray in a special way for family members/relatives/friends no longer with us. The sheets and envelopes for the **List of the Dead** are available at the back of the church. All those on the Parish List of the Dead are prayed for at all the Masses in the month of November and on the first Friday of every month.

At Ratoath Community Centre, the **Lighting of the Christmas Tree** followed by Christmas Gift Fair and Carol Singing on 23<sup>rd</sup> November from 5pm to 9pm

**Together For Our Mental Health Workshops:** Claremont Stadium and Jigsaw Meath will be hosting the last in their series of Mental Health awareness workshops in Claremont Stadium. The first, for under 16 year olds is on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> November from 6.30-7.30pm. The second for 16+ year olds is on 22<sup>nd</sup> November from 6.30-7.30pm. Registration forms visiting [www.claremontstadium.ie](http://www.claremontstadium.ie). For information call 046 902 9693 or email [events@claremontstadium.ie](mailto:events@claremontstadium.ie).

**White Envelope** Collection (Development Fund) €1,560.30 **Blue Envelope** Collection €4,312.00  
**Standing Orders** for October €3,160.26 Many thanks for your continued support and generosity.

12 Nov	Thirty Second Sunday in Ordinary Time	19 Nov	Thirty Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
7.00pm	Dora Keogh Nancy Ralph	7.00pm	Johno Mulvaney Bernie & Peter Briggs
9.00am	Kathleen & Hugh Nally and the deceased members of the family	9.00am	
11.00am	John McCarthy Nora Wilson	11.00am	Derek Walker & the deceased members of the Walker & Kenny families
12.15pm	Aggie & Anthony Donohue Jack & Maggie Donnelly Geraldine O'Reilly Helen Reilly	12.15pm	Chris McCann (Month's Memory) Joe Mannering Seamus Rooney

Monday  
Tuesday  
Wednesday  
Thursday  
Friday

Michael & Alice Hatch & Special Intention  
Kathleen & Jim McGuire  
Deceased members of the Legion of Mary  
Ray Hannigan & Gerry Keogh  
Maria Kerins & Gerty Keenan

## 40 Hours Adoration

To celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King this year, there will be 40 Hours Adoration in the Cathedral of Christ the King in Mullingar beginning with Mass at 7:30 pm on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November and concluding with Solemn Vespers and Benediction at 4 pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November to which all are welcome. **Our Parish has been allocated the time of 1.00pm on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> November for adoration.** We hope that some parishioners will be able to go to Mullingar for this hour of adoration.

As part of the 40 Hours Devotion, Confessions will be heard in the Cathedral continually from 12 noon to 12 midnight on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November.

While each parish of the diocese will be assigned to a particular hour of adoration, people are in no way restricted to their parish's hour. It is hoped that people from the Diocese will come to the Cathedral during this time to pray.

Bishop Deenihan has asked that prayers would be offered for the following intentions during the weekend:

for the children preparing for the Sacraments and for their families, that they may grow in love for Christ in the Eucharist

for a return to the Eucharist in our parish communities

for vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our Diocese.

For the intentions of those participating in 40 Hours Adoration:

1. We pray for the young people and their families preparing for the Sacraments; that they may truly recognise him in the breaking of bread at Sunday Mass and be filled by his Eucharistic presence. May they bear witness to Jesus present in the Eucharist in their daily lives through acts of love and service.
2. We pray for a return to the Eucharist in our parish communities; may those who feel indifferent or feel isolated from the Church rediscover the love of Jesus in the Eucharist and find in our parishes a place of welcome, nourishment and healing. We pray particularly for those still reluctant to return to worship in our churches.
3. For vocations to the priesthood and religious life in our diocese: may our young people be open to voice of the Lord and be strengthened by the Eucharist to answer the call to serve Him in his people.

*“Only in adoration, only in the presence of the Lord, do we truly rediscover our taste and passion for evangelization. Oddly enough, we have lost the prayer of adoration; and everyone, priests, bishops, consecrated men and women, need to recover it, this ability to be quiet in the Lord’s presence.”*

*Pope Francis, World Youth Day 2023, Lisbon*

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## Pope Francis appeals for 'a just peace' for nations at war

Appealing for action and prayers for all peoples suffering the consequences of war, Pope Francis invokes "just peace" and reiterates his belief that war is always a defeat.

Appealing, yet again, for attention and prayers for peoples across the globe who are subjected to war and are suffering its consequences, Pope Francis said, “Let us not forget martyred Ukraine and let us think of the Palestinian and Israeli peoples: may the Lord bring a just peace.”

“There is so much suffering,” he said, as he neared the end of his weekly General Audience.

“There is so much suffering.” “Children are suffering; the sick are suffering, and many young people are dying,” the Pope continued.

“War is always a defeat. Let us not forget: War is always a defeat.” “Let us not forget: war is always a defeat.”

Pope Francis has made constant appeals for peace and for negotiated solutions to conflicts across the world, never neglecting to mention and to pray for those suffering from violence and displacement in Ukraine since the Russian invasion over 18 months ago. He has also made reiterated appeals for a ceasefire, for the release of hostages, and for the entry of humanitarian aid into the besieged Gaza Strip, since the beginning of violent hostilities between Hamas and Israel on 7 October 2023.